

By the Kyng and the Quene.



Although we & Quene at oure fyrst cōming to the Croone were geuen to understand & the notable & heynouse treason, enterprised by & late Duke of Northumberland was supported and fundered by Henry the frenche kyng, and his ministers, by him put in trust, and that shortly after in the conspiracy, moued against god, and vs, by wyat and his trayterous bād, the sayde kynges ministers did secretly practise and giue their fauourable compfort therunto, contrary to the treatice of peace betwene both & realmes, and al good amitie & honoz, yet the great loue we beare to the peace of Christendome and to the quiet of our louinge subiectes, moued vs rather to impute the same to his ministers whome he vsed in seruice, then vnto him selfe, thinking euer by that our pacience to haue induced him to beare vs true amitie, and to vse good neighborhod to w^{ch} vs, and our Subiectes, for the which respect we were not onely contented to beare such iniuries, as to our selfe, had bene by hym done, but al so traueled to be a meane of pacification, betwene The mperour, and the sayd king, sending our ambassadours to Callyes for that purpose, to our great charge, as the world knoweth, which our trauayle and good zeale was not so well employed, and taken of him as of vs ment, for not long after that time when the deuyl had put in the heddes of Dudley, Alheton, and others their complices to enter into a new conspiracy agaynst vs. The sayd kynges Ambassadour was not onely pryuy thereof, but also receiued them into his house, there suffering them to assemble and contriue their malicious and deuylishe enterpryse. And although the sayd king were aduertised thereof by our Ambassadour with him resident, and also frendly desired not to supporte or fauour any such doinges. Neuertheles the same conspiracy being afterwarde detected, and sundry of thoffendours confessing it by iust order of law executed. Dudley, Alheton, & others flyeng into fraunce, were both receyued of the king, and also maintained with annual pencions by hym geuen, contrary to his promyse which he made vnto a personage of honour, sent to him from vs, gyuinge thereby a most daungerous example, and pernicious vnto al princes, whose estate & lyfe cannot be suer of traytours may be receiued and supported. The like minde towarde vs he declared in receiuing sundry famous and notoriouse pirates enemies of Christendome, and spoilers of oure subiectes, whome he mainteyned with men mony and shippes, to exercise their piracy, & to declare that no pacience, or good demeanour of our part can moue him to beare vs good amitie, of late he sent Stafford with other rebels whome he had interteyned in that Realme, furnyshe with armour mony, municion and shippes, to surpryse our Castell of Scarborough, not contented this longe time to haue boine with pirates and suche as haue robbed our marchauntes, and other subiects by seas, and to haue vsed dishonorable practises for the surprysing of Callies, and our pieces on that syde, the ministers whereof hath bene openly knowne & the spyals taken, for the better mainteining of which vngodly doings and greter anoyauce of our realme he hath continually suffered in his countrys, forgers of false monies, and counterfeiters of our coine, for the which causes, and also for that he hath w^{ch} al hostilitie inuaded the lowe countreyes to the defence & preservation whereof we are bounde by speciall treatye, and considering that neither by demaundynge redress hereof we can obtaine any, neyther by good meanes whiche we haue hether to vsed enioye anye amitie, or good neighborhod at his hand, neither by promyse be assured of & same, we haue thought better to haue him knowen and taken for an open enemy of whom we may beware, then vnder the p^{re}tenle of amitie a secret worker against vs, and a pryuy enemy, such as we haue hether to found hym, to the greate daunger of our person, and lose and damage of our subiects. And therefore we giue warning to al our louing subiects, from henceforth to forbere al traffique and contracting w^{ch} any of that Realme, and to repute & said french kyng, and his subiectes as open enemies annoyng them by al suche meanes as men may, & are wont to do ther enemies. And although he hath vsed w^{ch} out iust cause or denouncing any war, to annoy our marchauntes and subiectes, yet giue we vnto al his marchauntes & subiectes fortye dayes space after this proclamation to depart this our Realme w^{ch} suche goodes as they haue here and maye by our lawes cary away to & which effect we shal giue them or any of them our safe conduct and pasporte yf they shal require it. Geuen at our pallyce of westminster the .vii. of June the thirde and fourth years of our Regnes.

God saue the kyng and the Quene.

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